

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices  
Global Plus 1C (MC2012-6)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2016-193

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued June 21, 2016)

The Postal Service seeks to include an additional Global Plus 1C agreement (Agreement) within the Global Plus 1C product.<sup>1</sup> To clarify the Notice, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. The responses are due no later than June 24, 2016.

1. In Order No. 1151, the Commission approved the use of two contracts to serve as the baseline agreements in future tests of functional equivalency for Global Plus 1C agreements.<sup>2</sup> The baseline agreements include the following products: Global Bulk Economy, Global Express Guaranteed, International Business Reply Service, and Global Direct.<sup>3</sup> However, these products are not included in the

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Plus 1C Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, June 7, 2016 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> Docket Nos. MC2012-6, CP2012-12, and CP2012-13, Order Adding Global Plus 1C to the Competitive Product List and Approving Related Global Plus 1C Agreements, January 19, 2012, at 8 (Order No. 1151).

<sup>3</sup> Docket Nos. MC2012-6, CP2012-12, and CP2012-13, Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Global Plus 1C to the Competitive Products List and Notice of Filing Two Functionally Equivalent Global Plus 1C Contracts Negotiated Service Agreements and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, January 4, 2012, Attachments 4A and 4B.

Agreement. Notice at 6. Please explain how this difference affects the functional equivalence of the Agreement to the baseline agreements.

2. The Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates product allows the Postal Service to enter into negotiated service agreements for Global Express Guaranteed, Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International, and First-Class Package International Service without filing them with the Commission for pre-implementation review.<sup>4</sup> Please explain whether it is appropriate to group the Agreement and similar contracts under a Global Plus—Non-Published Rates product.

By the Acting Chairman.

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<sup>4</sup> Mail Classification Schedule section 2510.8.1.